

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, January 23, 2013, for a City Manager Update.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, Jeffrey William, City Treasurer and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Bill Orleans, Chris Shuman, Andy Carruthers and Thomas X. White, News Review

Financial Report. Speed Cameras & Capital Projects

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the December financial Report. He noted that the City would not hit the speed camera revenue target in the FY 13 Budget. There was discussion about speed cameras. Mayor Davis noted several proposed State bills that would change the speed camera laws.

Council reviewed the Capital Projects summary. Mayor Davis reported on the County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) meeting that she, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Moran had attended.

FY 2014 Budget Outlook

Mr. McLaughlin reported on a decrease in residential assessments and an increase in commercial assessments based on preliminary information from the State for fiscal year 2014. He stressed these numbers were preliminary and indicated skepticism with the commercial increases.

Mr. McLaughlin noted the increases in Highway User Revenue and Police Aid in the Governor's budget. He stated that City revenues would likely remain flat for three more years and didn't think the City could continue to identify the savings, reductions and cuts that had occurred over the previous three years without impacting programs.

Mr. Putens suggested the need for a specific work session on the Budget alone before the City Manager presents it. There was discussion about holding a meeting in late February or early March.

Management Objectives

Council reviewed each of the Management objectives. Council members raised specific questions about some of the objectives.

Council Action Request (CAR) Report & Top Ten List

Council conducted a quick review of these reports.

Informational Items

Ms. Mach announced a meeting at Franklin Park about day care and noted she would be discussing pre-school cooperatives. Mr. Putens reported rodent sightings at the CVS at Greenway Center and the Greenbelt East recycling center.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that Greenbelt had been selected for a free website makeover by Civic Plus. He noted the 4-Cities agenda. Mayor Davis noted a complaint about trash behind Greenway Center.

The meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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